" cold rocks growing out of the sea ; of a sea covered with " scraped white stuff "— the nearest they could get to snow; of the walrus—" a deceit-ful animal of that sea who dives to great depths " ; and of the great leaves of the bull-kelp, over fifty feet long, which they took to be the tresses of some female monster. As he went South by the island of Rapa and as about this time it is known that Tahiti was first discovered, there is no reason why we should not imagine, here in Papeari, that perhaps it was the mariners of his far-flung ice-scraped fleet who first sighted the twin heights separated by the isthmus of Taravao which were to be known in Polynesian story as 'the Pillars of Tahiti/ and who thought without much exaggeration, here in our lovely sun-kissed bay, that they had made a landfall at long last of the Polynesian Paradise.